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UNCLAS SAN SALVADOR 00225

E.O. 21652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, SOPN, NU, ES  
SUBJECT: LOCAL REACTION TO DEATH OF CHAMORRO

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1. ASSASSINATION OF PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO AND THE DISTURBANCES SINCE THEN HAVE GENERATED CONSIDERABLE MEDIA REACTION, WITH THE STORIES MORE OFTEN THAN NOT RECEIVING FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT. THE JANUARY 11 LA PRENSA GRAFICA CONTAINED A PROTEST AGAINST WHAT IT CALLED THE QTE TREACHEROUS AND DESPICABLE UNQTE CRIME AND THE DIARIO LATINO OF JANUARY 11 CONTAINS TEXTS OF TELEGRAMS OF CONDOLENCES SENT BY THE ASOCIACION DE PERIODISTAS DE EL SALVADOR (APES) TO LA PRENSA OF MANAGUA AND TO THE JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION OF NICARAGUA.

2. THE JNAUARY 13 LA PRENSA GRAFICA PUBLISHED THE TEXT OF THE TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCES SENT BY EL SALVADORAN PRESIDENT CARLOS HUMBERTO ROMERO TO CHAMORRO'S WIDOW AND FAMILY. IN IT, ROMERO STATES THAT QTE THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR  
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JOIN WITH YOU IN THE GRIEF OCCASIONED BY THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO, ONE OF THE MOST CAPABLE AND HONEST EXPONENTS OF LATIN AOERICAN JOURNALISM UNQTE.

3. NEWSPAPERS HAVE ALSO PUBLISHED PHOTOS OF AND STORIES CONCERNING SILVIO PENA RIVAS, ONE OF THE SUSPECTS IN THE ASSASSINATION, STATING THAT HE WAS A STUDENT IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

SCHOOLS FOR 20 YEARS IN EL SALVADOR AND MY HAVE EVEN BEEN MARRIED  
HERE. THE JANAARY 13 EDITION OF EL DIARIO DE HOY LISTS SEVERAL  
FORMER SCHOOLMATES AND THEIR ASSESSMENT THAT PENA WAS A QTE  
TROUBLESOME UNQTE STUDENT. EL MUNDO OF JANUARY 13 PUBLISHED  
THE RECOLLECTIONE OF ONE SCHOOLMATE (WHO PREFERRED TO REMAIN  
ANONYMOUS, THAT PENA WAS A QTE NERVOUS TYPE, AUTHORITARIAN,  
WHO WAS GIVEN A LOT OF LEEWAY BY HIS PARENTS WHO, ALTHOUGH NIC-  
ARAGUAN, RESIDED HERE A LONG TIME AGO . . . . PENA RIVAS  
WAS A BAD STUDENT, ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FIGHT UNQTE.  
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